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- 1) JP 2000-173783
- 2) JP 59-187883
- 3) JP 5-265387
- 4) JP 6-23339
- 5) JP 1-70389
- 6) JP 5-233980

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